IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Washington, DC 20231 Date: January 16, 2001 Sir: 01/16/01 This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: A CONTROLLER AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING INTERFACING TO A DATA LINK without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: 冈 An abstract together with 32 pages of specification and claims including 17 numbered claims and also attached is/are 10 sheets of accompanying drawings. \boxtimes This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): Filing Date Application No. Country 0004416.4 GB 24 February 2000 respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached. This application is a \(\sim \) continuation/\(\sim \) division/\(\sim \) continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this Provisional Application No. . filed application .--Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement ; Non-Publication Request; Other: UK David MCHALE Inventor: (first) ΜI (last) (citizenship) (state/country) United Kingdom Residence: (city) Middlesex 15 The Close, Pinner, Harrow, Middlesex, United Kingdom Mailing Address: Į. (Zip Code) HA5 5EU Inventor: (first) (citizenship) Residence: (city) (state/country) Mailing Address: (Zip Code) See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!! Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Stanley C. Spogner, Reg. No. 27,393 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 SCS:rdw